

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/600,983

Examiner

William K Cheung

Applicant(s)

GEHLSSEN ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 121704, 101504
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other IDS 092904.

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. The request filed on December 17, 2004 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 10/600,983 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Allowances

2. Claims 1-28 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of the date of this office action, the examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including the closest prior art of Momchilovich et al. (US 5,840,783) and Lhila (US 2002/0004130 A1) to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The closest prior art Momchilovich et al. (col. 8, line 57 to col. 9, line 22) discloses the pressure-sensitive adhesive double-sided coated foam tape comprising

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acidic and basic monomers containing pressure-sensitive adhesives (col. 3, line 17-47). However, Momchilovich et al. are silent on a double-sided coated foam tape having a foam core comprising first and second opposed surfaces, the foam core comprising an acidic polymer derived from a first group of monomers comprising at least one acidic monomer, and a basic polymer derived from a second group of monomers comprising at least one basic monomer. Momchilovich et al. are also silent that the adhesive on both side of the foam core tape can be different adhesive material. Therefore, it would not be apparent to one of ordinary skill in art to use the double-sided coated foam tape teachings in Momchilovich et al. to obtain the present invention.

Lhila (page 6, examples) disclose a foam tape comprising an acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive and another one with a second pressure-sensitive adhesive. However, Lhila is silent on a double-sided coated foam tape having a foam core comprising first and second opposed surfaces, the foam core comprising an acidic polymer derived from a first group of monomers comprising at least one acidic monomer, and a basic polymer derived from a second group of monomers comprising at least one basic monomer. Lhila is also silent that the adhesive on both side of the foam core tape can be different adhesive material. Therefore, it would not be apparent to one of ordinary skill in art to use the double-sided coated foam tape teachings in Lhila to obtain the present invention.

In view of the reasons set forth above, the invention of claims 1-28 is allowed.

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In light of the above discussion, it is evident as to why the present claims are patentable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William K Cheung whose telephone number is (571) 272-1097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM; 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David WU can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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